Resolution S13-002 – Resolution to update the GSA’s “Common Grounds” Voucher Program

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Whereas the Graduate Student Assembly continues to support student-faculty mentoring through the “Common Grounds” voucher program (Resolution F12-002)

Whereas a new café in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences building, Becton, opened after Resolution F12-002 passed and the newly opened café in Becton is not listed in the “current participating locations” for the program

Whereas Graduate School of Arts and Sciences students are interested in participating in the program with two faculty members

Whereas the current voucher maximum of $6 to graduate students within the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences can be insufficient to purchase two coffee drinks

Whereas $450 allocated from the line-item "Giveaways" under “Orientation” of the "Outreach" portion of the GSA budget may be insufficient

Therefore be it enacted by the Graduate Student Assembly that a total of $500 from the line-item "Giveaways" under “Orientation” of the "Outreach" portion of the GSA budget will be made available to fund vouchers for the “Common Grounds” program,

Be it further enacted by the Graduate Student Assembly that the modified rules governing the “Common Grounds” program are as follows:

1. The program is run under the auspices of the Treasurer.
2. The program will start in October 2012 and will conclude in June 2013, which is the end of the fiscal year 2013 for the Graduate Student Assembly.
3. Only graduate students within the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences are eligible to participate.
4. Each eligible student (see (3)) can only use up to two vouchers during the time period specified in (2).
5. In order for a voucher to be redeemed, the student must be accompanied by a member of Yale’s faculty or staff.
6. Participating locations for the program are the Blue Dog Café, the cafeteria in Bass Library, KBT Café, Marigolds, and the newly opened café in Becton.
7. Each voucher accredits an eligible student (see (3)) to spend up to a maximum of $8, without any restrictions on the items to be purchased at the participating locations (see (6)).